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How can you possibly think this is a settlement? When Ma Bell was deemed to have a monopoly on the phone system, was the answer to give more phones to schools so they could use Ma bells service more? It is like dealing with the petroleum monopoly by having them give out more cars.

Who was hurt by Microsoft's action? In my opinion it would be their competitors and the users of competitors products. One example is this: Many years ago there was a Database product called FoxPro, it only ran on the Mac, and it was a very good database. Microsoft bought it, combined it with their product Access, and then discontinued its support for the Mac. Who did it hurt 1) all Mac users, 2) Apple, 3) Everyone, like me who wrote products using FoxPro for the Mac.

If your goal is to help schools, great, why don't you have Microsoft buy 1,000,000,000 worth of Apple hardware and give it to schools. Plus prohibit Microsoft from buying any corporations that create software products.

Just for the record, I have both Macs and PCs at home, and the company I work for develops software for windows platforms.

Thanks  
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